

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action, beginning at page 3, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(A) as being anticipated by WO00/65937 to Prasad *et al.* ("Prasad") in view of <http://www.marcmillon.co.uk/writing.html;2001> ("marcmillon") as evidenced by <http://www.recipegoldmine.com/meatbeefQ/sesame-soy-flank-steak.html> ("recipegoldmine").

Summary of Response to Office Action

Claims 12-29 are currently pending, with claim 12 being independent. Claims 1-11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 12-29 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Telephonic Conference

Examiner Leff is thanked for the courtesy of telephonic conference with Tomoko Nakajima on June 30, 2009. Following the suggestion made by the Examiner, the Applicant respectfully submits new claims 12-29 for examination.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as reciting subject matter that is allegedly obvious, and therefore allegedly unpatentable, over the disclosure of Prasad in view of www.marcmillon.co.uk/writing.html;2001 as evidenced by www.recipegoldmine.com/meatbeefQ/sesame-soy-flank-steak.html. This rejection is respectfully traversed, and Applicant requests reconsideration for at least the following reasons.

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 is canceled. Therefore, the rejection is now moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

New Claims

New claims 12-29 are added to provide an alternate scope of protection for the invention. It is respectfully submitted that these new claims are in immediate form for allowance. Early and favorable examination of all claims is respectfully requested.

In particular, none of cited references alone or together teach or suggest the features of new claim 12. Further, since claims 13-29 depend from and respectively incorporate all the features of claim 12, claims 13-29 are also not obvious over Prasad in view of www.marcmillon.co.uk/writing.html;2001 as evidenced by www.recipegoldmine.com/meatbeefQ/sesame-soy-flank-steak.html at least for the above reasons for which claim 12 is not obvious, and for the separate features that each of these claims recites. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 12-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of this patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If the patent examiner believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of this patent application to issue, they are invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. If, however, additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees necessitated by this paper, and to credit all refunds and overpayments, to our Deposit Account listed on Applicant's initial application filing transmittal document.

Respectfully submitted,

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